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Dear Councilman/Councilwoman of Kailua

I just received an email from Josh Seymour of Hawaiian Watersports in Kailua. I was simply **shocked to find out** that the city council is considering prohibiting the ability of someone like me from receiving kiteboarding lessons on Kailua beach. **Please don't allow this to happen.**

I started kiteboarding at Kailua when I turned 40, now at the age of 48 **I am still traveling to Kailua to vacation and kiteboard.** All of my family, friends and relatives have all come to Kailua to experience kayaking and stand up paddling. I cannot tell you how much they love to watch the kiteboarders and are amazed at their water skills. **Its why we come back! We just don't want to sit there on the beach.**

It's been **very important to me and my family to be able to rent a place to stay and get equipment along with quality lessons** from the locals in Kailua. **These guys strive to make the sport as safe as they possibly can.** They have helped me help others in the sport.

Tourism must be an important part of your cities financial plan? I am just one person who has probably suggested to at least 100 people to go and **try kiteboarding in Kailua, don't go anywhere else.** My business is associated with the Alaska travel industry, I know for a fact **there will be a very negative financial impact associated with a decision to prohibit these services.** If I cannot get into the water with a quality instructor and safely kite from Kailua Beach, I'm going somewhere else.

Here is what my family and I have spent in Kailua since I started kiteboarding. **Over the course of eight years me and my family have spent roughly \$25,200 on our Kailua vacations.** Hopefully, this means something to the council members. During these uncertain economic times **can your city afford to miss out on revenues generated by such services?**

My wife and I own 2 recreational properties, Kailua is on our short list for the third. You have a great city, we love the people, we love the food and we love the activities only your locals can provide.

Please do not prohibit companies from renting equipment, giving lessons or providing their services in Kailua Beach Park. Alaskans need these services.

*Thank you,
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